

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1235

By Curtiss

A RESOLUTION to commend Mayor Arthur L. Lorange or his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Lorange is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he is currently the oldest surviving mayor in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career of service to the good people of Centertown, Mayor Lorange has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, he has rendered sterling service in numerous public offices; in 1936, he became Chief Deputy Sheriff and, from 1942 to 1944, he served as Road Commissioner for the 11th District; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lorange also rendered sterling service as a member of the Warren County School Board from 1958 to 1968, as a County Commissioner during the 1970s, and as a member of the Warren County Planning Commission in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, Arthur Lorange has admirably filled the post of City of Centertown Mayor; he first won the post following a write-in campaign, and during his subsequent terms of office has been involved in numerous projects, including the Centertown Recreational Ball Park; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lorange has lent his time and numerous talents to many worthy causes, including the Laymen Men's Club, which he served as President, the Warren County Farm Bureau, which he served as Director, the Centertown CIC, which he served as President, and the Masonic Lodge, attaining the ranks of Scottish Rite, York Rite Mason, and Shriner; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lorange's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lorange is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mayor Lorange is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of sixty-seven years, Irene Gaither Lorange, and their four children, Judy, Billy, Michael, Roy; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lorange has won renown for his delicious sorghum molasses, which he cooked and sold for more than seventy years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lorange is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mayor Arthur L. Lorange for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, applaud his service as the oldest standing mayor in Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.